

leaders, and most recently the horrors in Rwanda and Bosnia.

We should not allow the abundance of horrors to dull our senses or to allow us to forget any of these terrible incidents. We must remember that the instruments and techniques we have developed in this century can be used against any people in any country, no matter how advanced or supposedly civilized.

As a Ukrainian-American I wish to call the attention of the House and the American people to the crimes against my family's people. Ukraine is the most fertile farmland of Europe, long called the breadbasket of the continent. Yet millions of Ukrainians—perhaps as many as 10 million, we will never have an exact figure—starved to death in the midst of plenty in the early 1930's. They starved because Stalin decided that traditional farming in the Ukraine would stop, and with the power of the Soviet state, he was able to make it stop. If people did not conform to his will, he would see to it that they had no food to eat, no seeds to plant. The wheat that was harvested was sold at cheap prices on world markets. Protests around the world did not stop the famine; instead, the market found ways to profit from it and conduct business as usual.

In this respect and others, the Ukrainian famine resembled the great Irish famine of the nineteenth century, when the British government allowed people to starve by the millions rather than interfere with grain markets. I am an Irish-American too, and many of us in this chamber are descended from the people who fled that famine.

The Ukrainian famine did not end until Stalin had gotten his way and subjugated the Ukrainian people. They still suffer today from the consequences of his actions: they have never been able to fully rebuild the agricultural economy that had once made Ukraine the envy of the region. I believe they will rebuild it, hopefully with our help.

But let us learn from the horrors they endured. Let us commit ourselves to the principle that people should always come first, that no one should be allowed to starve. Let us apply that lesson at home, and pledge that no one should go hungry in our prosperous country because of the strictures of ideology or because of the discipline of the market. Let us commit ourselves to opposing oppression around the world, when oppression leads to genocide and death, whether the tools of that oppression are overly violent, or whether they are the subtler but no less cruel tools of deliberate starvation, deliberate hunger, deliberate poverty. Let us remember that all people are our brothers and sisters.

TRIBUTE TO DR. AND MRS. JOHN
COLLINS WRIGHT OF ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.
OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 12, 1998

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Dr. and Mrs. John Collins Wright of Huntsville for their longtime service and dedication to our community at large. Since making the Huntsville community their home in 1978, John and Mac Wright have been a major force in the growth and success of our area, especially in the quality of education.

At the age of 17, John Wright enlisted in the Navy Air corps, a decision that led him to an amazing career in science, education, and community development. Following the end of World War II, he earned bachelor's degrees in chemistry and mathematics from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Illinois. He later conducted postdoctoral studies at the University of Michigan and the University of London. Mr. Wright's professional career has included appointments at a long and impressive list of prestigious institutions, including research chemist with Hercules Research Center in Delaware, professor and chairman of the department of chemistry at his alma mater West Virginia Wesleyan College, assistant program director for undergraduate education at the National Science Foundation, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of chemistry at both Northern Arizona University and West Virginia University, and vice chancellor and director of academic affairs for the West Virginia Board of Regents.

During the 10 years Dr. Wright served as president of UAH, the university grew from 400 to 6000 students, more than tripled its funding and gained national recognition as a leading school of science and technology. Major research thrusts were introduced in optics, microgravity, robotics, and space plasma research. The "Space Initiative" was adopted and groundwork was laid for UAH to become one of the first space grant universities in the United States. During Mr. Wright's last year of administration, UAH was ranked the South's top science and technology school by U.S. News and World Report. Upon his decision to leave the presidency in 1988, he was appointed a university professor in chemistry at UAH.

Dr. Wright's international experience includes serving on higher education delegations to China, Israel, Italy, India, Korea and the Republic of China, as well as economic development delegations to China, Korea, Japan, England, France and Germany. In the Huntsville community, he has played important leadership roles in organizations such as the Huntsville-Cummings Research Park Board, Randolph School, the U.S. Army Science Board, the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, the Huntsville Rotary Club, and the American Chemical Society. His many honors include the Distinguished Service Medal from NASA, a Service Award from the Army Missile Command, and the Science and Technology Award from the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

For Margaret Ann Cyphers Wright, enhancing the quality of education has been the major force of her life since she earned her bachelor's degree in religious education at West Virginia Wesleyan College. She began work on her graduate degree at the University of Illinois and completed her master's degree in counseling and guidance at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. Her professional career has included positions as director of Christian education with churches in several states, a kindergarten teacher and a counselor for runaways. In our community she has served in leadership positions with the First United Methodist Church, Constitution Park Village, Volunteer Center, Huntsville Museum of Art, Madison County Mental Health Association, Huntsville Rotaryann, and the Ruth Hindman Foundation. Her involvement

with UAH has included active participation in the University Women's Club and sponsorship of the Lancers, the UAH student ambassadors. She has been honored with the Distinguished Medal of Honor from the Mental Health Center, the Outstanding Service Award from the University Women's Club, named Volunteer of the Year by the Volunteer Center, presented a certificate of appreciation by the Madison County Commission, and received the UAH Medal from the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama system.

In 1990 John and Mac shared a richly deserved Humanitarian Award from the Alabama Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation for their vital work on behalf of Huntsville and UAH. As the U.S. congressman for Alabama's Fifth Congressional District, I am proud to have this opportunity to recognize their tremendous talents and accomplishments, as well as thank them for their extraordinary contributions to Alabama.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
DAVE KELLY FROM
ALLIEDSIGNAL

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 12, 1998

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dave Kelly a dedicated employee of the Stratford Army Engine Plant, and the devoted President of the United Auto Workers Local 1010, who retired on August 1, 1998. Dave is a wonderful friend, and it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge his years of leadership and service to his fellow workers, and to his community.

Since he began working at AlliedSignal in 1959, and since he first committed himself as a union representative in 1966, Dave has stood up for the fundamental rights of his fellow employees—fair pay, health coverage, and a secure transition to new jobs and bright futures. His extraordinary work and dedication in carrying out his duties as President of Local 1010 will certainly have a lasting impact on the hard working men and women throughout Connecticut whom he served.

Dave stood side-by-side with me in the night to prevent the closing of the Stratford Army Engine Plant where thousands of exceptional engines were built to power our military's helicopters, jets, boats and tanks. When defense budgets shrunk with the end of the Cold War, Dave negotiated a contract to make the plant more efficient and competitive—to give Stratford a chance for the future. When the Army put the plant on the base closure list, Dave joined together with his fellow employees and community leaders to fight the decision. When AlliedSignal turned its back on Connecticut and pulled out to move its operations to Phoenix, Dave continued to fight on severance pay, extended medical coverage, and educational assistance promised by AlliedSignal to its former employees.

Dave has also distinguished himself as a leader in his community, serving under Governors Grasso and O'Neill as the Budget Commissioner for the Commission for Drug and Alcohol Abuse for 15 years. He is also committed to lifelong learning, ultimately earning his master's degree from Yale University in 1989.